GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Digital Literacy
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state: -
(a) the details of Digital literacy mission/ campaign along with the achievement made. State-wise;
(b) whether a large number of population do not have access to computer and other digital medium;
(c) if so, whether Government proposes to provide computers to all the households and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to spend Rs. 1,800 crore to train 60 million people across rural areas in three years under a digital literacy mission and if so, the details thereof along with the funds spent and the people benefitted so far under the mission, state-wise; and
(e) whether the Common Services Centres, e-Governance Service India is awaiting the Government"s nod for the said purpose and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

(a): Government had implemented two digital literacy Schemes viz. National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) and Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) to impart digital literacy to 52.2 lakh households in the Country. The implementing agency for these schemes was CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV). The digital literacy targets envisaged under these scheme have been achieved. The State-wise achievements made under the above schemes is at Annexure.

(b): As per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) report (NSS 71st Round) the proportion of households in the Country having computer during 2014 is 14% (only 6% of rural households and 29% of urban households possessed computer).

(c): There is no such proposal to provide computers to the households in the Country.

(d) and (e): Hon"ble Finance Minister, while presenting the Union Budget 2016-2017, has announced to launch a new Digital Literacy Mission Scheme for rural India to cover around 6 crore additional households within the next three years. As a follow-up to this announcement, a new scheme to cover 6 crore rural households is under formulation in consultation with various stakeholders.
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Annexure

The State- wise details of achievements made under the National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) and Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) Schemes.

State Certified candidates
Andaman & Nicobar 409
Andhra Pradesh 165661
Arunachal Pradesh 2139
Assam 20440
Bihar 440014
Chandigarh 13646
Chhattisgarh 172460
Dadra & Nagar Haveli 182
Daman & Diu 1376
Delhi 80068
Goa 1278
Gujarat 334432
Haryana 132302
Himachal Pradesh 31264
Jammu & Kashmir 121679
Jharkhand 114783
Karnataka 350068
Kerala 49357
Lakshadweep 20
Madhya Pradesh 365592
Maharashtra 404098
Manipur 31023

Mizoram 9507
Nagaland 12997
Odisha 121100
Puducherry 19016
Punjab 96962
Rajasthan 372029
Sikkim 10625
Tamil Nadu 291151
Telangana 184346
Tripura 42941
Uttar Pradesh 610189
Uttarakhand 101881
West Bengal 641735
Total 5346770

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